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## \$2,190,000 VOTED TO FINISH CLEARING STREETS OF SNOW

### GET THE COUNTRY BACK ON PEACE BASIS "SELL SHIPS, SCRAP YARDS" PLAN IS STRONGLY BACKED

Shipping Board Indorses It by Proposed Sale of German Boats.

SAVING OF BILLIONS.

Even Opponents of Evening World Suggestion Admit Need for Action.

**By Martin Green.**  
(Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The plan of the Shipping Board to sell thirty ships seized from Germany at the outbreak of the war, including the gigantic Leviathan, is an emphatic endorsement of the suggestion of The Evening World that, in the interests of a speedy and taxation relief, all the ships owned by the Government, bought or acquired, and all the ships now under construction, should be sold as rapidly as buyers can be attracted and the whole shipbuilding plant of the Shipping Board should be disposed of to private shipbuilders.

It is no breach of confidence to say that men of vision having to do with the management of the Shipping Board are in hearty agreement with The Evening World's suggestion, although some of them, before they became attached to the organization, were advocates of the operation of a merchant marine by the Government. They now see the possibility of reducing the impending treasury deficit by one billion dollars.

Even those who are the most energetic supporters of the Emergency Fleet Corporation's merchant marine programme know that the idea is utterly impracticable and, if adopted, will have to be abandoned eventually because of the tremendous losses which Government operation will entail. Such losses would be made up by the payment of subsidies.

**WOULD MEAN \$200,000,000 A YEAR LOSS.**

It is not denied that Government ownership and operation of a merchant marine service would be a source of additional taxation. As I pointed out yesterday experts associated with the Shipping Board estimate that the subsidy demanded would amount to \$200,000,000 annually. This is the minimum.

The estimate applies only to operation on the basis of the estimated value of the ships and does not take into consideration repairs and replacements.

Proof that the boosters of the Government-owned and operated merchant marine anticipate an operation deficit under their plan is found in the fact that they are planning to hide the subsidy from the public. The scheme is to shift it to the Post Office Department under the cover of payment for carrying the mails and to the Army and Navy Departments under the cover of furnishing officers and crews to operate the ships.

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### \$2,190,000 VOTED TO CLEAN STREETS; MORE SNOW FALLS

Estimate Board Grants Request for Work on Which \$1,000,000 Has Been Spent.

### LABOR AGAIN SHORT.

Early Morning Storm Hampers Clearing of Thoroughfares—Weather Antics Puzzle.

The Board of Estimate this afternoon voted \$2,190,000 for emergency snow removal. Of this sum, \$2,000,000 went to the Street Cleaning Department, \$150,000 to the Borough of Queens, \$10,000 to the Borough of Richmond, and \$30,000 to the Department of Plant and Structures for the removal of snow and ice from bridges.

Arnold B. MacStacy, Commissioner of Streets, in adding the Board for \$2,000,000 to finish the cleaning of the streets of snow, said that this was the heaviest year for his department since 1914, and that he had already spent \$1,000,000.

The Commissioner explained that there is no regular appropriation for snow removal except \$300, the custom being to wait until the emergency arises and meet it as efficiently as possible.

The snow fall which set in this morning and lasted until noon drove away many of the workers, and Mr. MacStacy said that less than 15,000 emergency and regular men were now working.

Among these were 1,000 police in Manhattan alone, and the Commissioner praised their work. He said that the department is allowing these men seventy-five cents for their meals which is all the extra pay they are receiving.

The department has 250 snow ploughs and sweepers keeping clean those streets already cleared, and prepared to meet any storm emergency.

Commissioner MacStacy added that the principal thoroughfares have been made passable, and that the department is concentrating on the cross-town streets.

"As soon as we can get round to it we will dig out the trolley lines," was Mayor Hylan's comment. "We are giving all possible attention to garbage and ashes. The policemen have done good work on the bridges and now are working on the Boverly. Commissioner Enright has asked for more volunteers."

The antics of the weather have got the weather bureau guessing. "The map and the sun don't agree," said the weather man this afternoon. "The map says that the centre of the storm which is passing up the coast, should leave for trans-Atlantic points about 5 o'clock. The indications are that there will be rain, or sleet, or possibly more snow before we are through with this storm. Unless weather maps can err, the temperature should fall to about 25 or 26 degrees above zero by tomorrow morning—but."

He paused and gazed at the sun which was still shining.

Traffic conditions improved. All surface lines maintained the gains.

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### U. S. CAN'T OPERATE VESSELS AT PROFIT UNDER PROHIBITION

Chairman Payne Tells Wilson and Congress Why Vessels Should Be Sold.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Representative Mead, Democrat, New York, made public a letter from Chairman Payne, explaining the reasons for the forthcoming public sale of the German ships. Chairman Payne has written a similar letter to President Wilson.

The letter to Representative Mead follows:

"Answering your inquiry re sale of the ex-German passenger ships, the reasons were principally these:

"It is the opinion of the Shipping Board that we will probably not be able to operate passenger ships under prohibition successfully in competition with foreign ships which sell liquor. The reason why is: In December we fitted out the Moccasin to sail to South America. Her berth was all sold. When I announced that in view of the policy of Congress of the country, Government ships would not be permitted to sell liquor, one half of the sailings were immediately cancelled.

"We advertised the ex-German ships and for twenty were offered \$20,000,000. We had a careful calculation made as to the cost of reconditioning these ships for passenger service, and reached the sum of \$57,000,000. In view of the present situation, it did not seem to us that we were justified in incurring so large an expense.

"3. Conditions in the shipping world are such that it is our conviction that there will never be a time when we can sell the ships to better advantage than now, and since it is our conviction that the ships can be successfully operated in private ownership, we believe the sale should be made.

"4. Two conditions are insisted upon by the board: (a) That the ships shall remain under the American flag; (b) that they are to be sailed in the routes indicated by the Shipping Board. This, we believe, will adequately protect the United States."

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### GOVERNOR SLAIN FOR AIDING U. S. MAN

Panaman Executive Perrigault Was Many Years Consul in New York City.

PANAMA, Feb. 12.—Gov. Perrigault of the Province of Chiriqui, which lies along the Costa Rican frontier, was assassinated last night according to advices received here.

It is said that Gov. Perrigault had befriended W. G. Chase, an American, in a litigation over land and that this led to his assassination.

Gov. Perrigault was Panamanian Consul General in New York City for a number of years.

### \$27,000,000 JUMP IN BUDGET IN 1921 PREDICTED BY CRAIG

Indications Are Expenses Will Exceed All Revenues by \$10,000,000.

### HIGHER RATE ON TAXES.

\$12,500,000 Needed for Increase in Teachers' Pay and \$12,000,000 for Paving.

There will be an increase in the New York City budget for 1921 of about \$27,000,000 over the record budget of 1920, Comptroller Craig predicted to-day at the meeting of the Board of Estimate. The Comptroller estimated the 1921 budget would be approximately \$301,000,000, as against \$273,889,455.12 for the current year.

Of the prospective \$27,000,000 increase, according to figures quoted by Mr. Craig, \$12,500,000 will be for repaving, \$12,500,000 for increases in salaries of teachers and \$2,500,000 for increases to other city employees.

Real estate valuations, the Comptroller said, probably will be increased about \$700,000,000. The increased taxes resulting from this increased valuation, he said, would be about \$17,500,000. He pointed out that this would be approximately \$10,000,000 short of the amount added to the budget and would necessarily result in a higher tax rate.

### BOY'S WIRELESS LOCATES SISTER, LOST 13 YEARS

Amateur Operator's Appeal, Spread Over 800 Miles, Restores Missing Girl.

### NINE HURT IN FIGHT ON AMERICAN SHIP.

Crew and Officers in Fitted Battle at Danish Port—Intoxication Blamed.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 12.—Nine men were injured, two of them seriously, in two pitched battles yesterday between officers and the crew of the American steamer Bottenwood, lying in the Danish port of Middelfart. Four of the crew were arrested.

It is alleged that the trouble was caused by the intoxication of the crew, made up of men of various nationalities. The police of Middelfart have prohibited the sale of liquor to foreign seamen in the future.

The steamer Bottenwood is not contained in available shipping records. The vessel referred to is probably the American steamer Buttwood, which sailed from Philadelphia on Nov. 11 last for Libau, Middelfart and Hamburg.

### "DRY" U. S. ADDS TO WORLD MISERY, ENGLAND IS TOLD

Austen Chamberlain Says We Eat More Sugar and Increase Shortage.

LONDON, Feb. 12. AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said in the House of Commons to-day that the world's sugar production was short, and because America was "dry" she was using much more sugar.

"To add to the miseries of the world, the United States goes dry," Mr. Chamberlain declared.

A labor member interrupted with, "for the benefit of the world," to which Lady Nancy Astor added, "and humanity as a whole."

Mr. Chamberlain would not say that the United States should not have gone dry, but the effect was distinctly unfortunate, and he thought that the moderate drinker, like himself, was a good citizen.

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### DYNAMITE USED BY SINN FEINERS; POLICEMAN SLAIN

Several Others Injured by Explosion of Bomb in Allihies, Ireland.

### ROUND-UP IN DUBLIN.

British Military Arrest Many Leaders of the Republican Movement.

DUBLIN, Feb. 12.—A band of armed men blew up one end of the police barracks at Allihies last night, killing one policeman and injuring several, according to word received here to-day.

(Allihies is on Ballydonegan Bay, on the extreme southwestern point of Ireland, 70 miles east of Cork.)

Several Sinn Feiners were arrested in the course of a round-up by military forces in this city early to-day.

### FLAUNT SINN FEIN FLAGS IN LONDON AS ENGLAND IS "BOOED"

Royal Albert Hall Filled With Shouting Irish Demanding a Republic.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—On the eve of Premier Lloyd George's announcement that the new Irish Home Rule Bill probably will be introduced next week, an enthusiastic audience carrying Sinn Fein flags filled the Royal Albert Hall here for a demonstration in favor of self-determination for Ireland.

The word "England was 'booed'" while Chairman A. O'Brien was speaking in support of an Irish republic, and several persons were thrown out for interrupting the meeting. A strong military picket was at the entrance to prevent attendance of soldiers in uniform. Only 10,000 of the 50,000 applicants for seats could be accommodated.

While Arthur Griffith, Acting President of the Irish Republic, was speaking he was interrupted until, after something approaching a free fight, several persons were driven out. Prominent on the platform was Mrs. Despard, sister of Lord Froude, the Irish Viceroy.

### CANADA THREATENS TO QUIT THE LEAGUE

Notifies Great Britain She Will Not Consent to League Resolution Relating to Vote.

### MAYOR CALLS OFF HIS VACATION TRIP

Snow Crisis Prevents Palm Beach Trip, and Whalen Is Kept Here by Illness.

Mayor Hylan, who was to have left to-day with Mrs. Hylan for Palm Beach, Fla., changed his mind suddenly this morning and announced he had postponed his vacation indefinitely, owing to the predicament of the city as a result of the snowstorm. He announced that Mrs. Hylan, accompanied by Commissioner Whalen, and Grover Whalen, would start for Palm Beach to-night.

Ten minutes after the Mayor had made this announcement he received a telephone message saying that Commissioner Whalen, while on his way to the City Hall for a conference, had suffered a relapse of his recent illness and had been assisted back to his apartment in the Hotel Erie, No. 103 Waverly Place. The message said Commissioner Whalen's physician had forbidden him to start to-night for Florida.

The Mayor immediately got into communication with Mrs. Hylan, and then announced that all plans for the vacation trip had been cancelled.

### WILSON OFFERS COMPROMISE PLAN TO RAILROAD MEN

Proposal and Answer to Be Made Public Later—Further Negotiations Expected—President Says Decision Reached Is Just and Unalterable.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—An "unalterable" decision in the railroad wage controversy was made to-day by President Wilson in a fifteen-minute conference with the three representatives of the members of the brotherhoods. The President said the Government's policy was "based on justice to all interests."

The President's decision was not announced at the White House. Officials said it was "a decision containing a proposal" that is expected to lead to further negotiations. From this it was assumed that the President had refused to grant general wage increases, but had made a counter proposition to the men, and they agreed to give it consideration.

The brotherhood men would not say what the proposal was, but Timothy Shea, Acting President of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Engineers, announcing that they would make no statement to-day.

**RAILROAD MEN MEET TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL.**

Immediately after seeing Mr. Wilson the railroad men's committee met at a hotel. This meeting lasted only a few minutes and the union men then went to A. F. of L. headquarters for a further conference.

The meeting of the railroad men, who represent 14 railroad unions, expected to frame a reply to Wilson's proposal as handed to their committee. This reply, which they hoped to send to the White House late today, will probably be made public at the same time as the President's proposal, which will be given out to-morrow.

**MAY NOT HALT ONE STRIKE ON TUESDAY.**

The President's proposal, whatever it was, was not expected to stay the strike of the maintenance of way employees called for next Tuesday.

The White House was expected to issue a statement later in the day. Meantime there was no intimation whether the President had offered a substitute for an increase in wages in the nature of a continuation of the fight on the high cost of living, or whether he asked the workers to delay pressing their demands until the railroads were returned to the private owners March 1.

B. M. Jewell, President of the Railway Department of the American Federation of Labor, announced that the President's proposal would have to be "put up to the men" before any announcement could be made by the union representatives.

Besides Mr. Jewell and Mr. Shea, E. J. Manion, President of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, was present at the conference. Because of the inclement weather, the President met the representatives on the south portico of the White House and read a statement which he had prepared after a study of the report on the wage negotiations presented to him by Directors General Hines.

**HIGH COST OF LIVING IS CONSIDERED.**

Secretary Tumulty declined to say whether the President had refused specifically the wage demands, saying that "every one wants to settle the strike," and that the brotherhood chiefs should have an opportunity to consider the President's suggestion or proposal without outside interference.

The President's statement that the Government's policy was "based on justice to all interests" is in line with the final word of Director General Hines. He was understood to have told the men that with the return of the roads to private control an impartial tribunal for consideration of their demands would be created.

Mr. Hines was understood to have suggested to the President that if an increase in pay were granted the men, the roads would seek an increase in freight rates, which would mean the

### WILSON'S MEETING WITH RAILROADERS LIKE STAGE PLAY

Workers Seek to Demonstrate That They Will Give Up No Advantages.

**By David Lawrence.**  
(Special Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12, 1920 [Copyright, 1920.—President Wilson sat in an invalid's chair on the South Portico of the White House and endeavored to persuade representatives of the Railroad Brotherhoods that they must consider the public interest and not tie up the transportation systems of the country with a strike. As they probably will not.

Four men in heavy winter overcoats gathered around the President and talked earnestly with him about the situation in the respective unions. The President looked with them and seemed in excellent spirits. His visitors told him they had been missing him in the last six months and hoped he would be getting back to active work soon.

Mr. Wilson, appreciative of their solicitude, said he hoped so, too, as he was eager to summon all the strength he could for all the battles ahead of him in the next few months.

**UNION MEN REPORT WILSON AS "LOOKING WELL."**

Mr. Wilson had his decision prepared in writing and read it to the representatives of the brotherhoods. They took it away with them for consideration, promising an answer in twenty-four hours. The railroad men told correspondents afterward that the President "looked well," and seemed alert mentally. Their interview was a brief one—not more than five or ten minutes and was the first conference Mr. Wilson had had in many weeks. It has been months since he received any delegation, his visitors having been confined to Cabinet officers and one or two Senators.

The visit of the railroad men was not much of a strain, however, as the

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### WOMAN IN HIS HOME SEIZED AS BURGLAR

Man Pursues Her Through Window in Pajamas—Mistake in House, She Says.

Miss Jennie Lombardi, thirty-five years old, who said she lived on Hudson Avenue, Brooklyn, was arraigned in the Gates Avenue Court, Brooklyn, to-day on a charge of burglary and held in \$1,000 bail for examination Feb. 19.

The complaint was John Wilson, twenty-two, of No. 114 Cumberland Street, who alleged that at 5 o'clock this morning he was awakened by a noise.

He saw the figure of a woman. He said she climbed out the window and he followed her for half a block in his bare feet and pajamas until he met Patrolman Weber, who arrested her. In court Miss Lombardi said she had lost her way and thought she was in her own home.

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